

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Non-Final Office Action of April 7, 2006, restriction is required under 35 U.S.C 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 44-49, drawn to a method of controlling the position of a surgical instrument inside a patient's body, classified in class 600, subclass 425.
- II. Claims 50 - 64, drawn to a robotic system and method of positioning for one or more surgical instruments with manipulators relative to a patient's body, classified in class 700 subclass 259.

Applicant hereby elect Invention II, Claims 50-64, to prosecute in this application. This election is made without traverse.

Accordingly Claims 44-49 have been cancelled and Claims 50-64 remain pending in the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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